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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0076

MBABANE FOR OSARAC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, EAID, LT
SUBJECT: CATTLE RUSTLING ALONG LESOTHO-SOUTH AFRICAN (TRANSKEI)
BORDER

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY. POST HAS RECEIVED A FOREIGN OFFICE
NOTE ANNOUNCING AN INCREASE IN LIVESTOCK THEFT ALONG BORDER WITH
"TRANSKEI" AND REQUESTING A SPEED-UP IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS
RECOMMENDED IN THE UN FARAH REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE REPORTS THAT BETWEEN DECEMBER 19 AND
DECEMBER 25 LIVESTOCK WAS STOLEN FROM FIVE VILLAGES IN SOUTH-
EASTERN LESOTHO. IT APPEARS THAT THE LIVESTOCK WAS DRIVEN ACROSS
THE BORDERS TO THE TRANSKEI AND SOUTH AFRICA. PURPORTEDLY,
ARMED GANGS OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED WERE INVOLVED IN THESE THEFTS
AND GOL HAS SENT TWO PLATOONS OF THE POLICE MOBILE UNIT TO PATROL
THE BORDER AREA INVOLVED.

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE
SITUATION AND HAS BEEN ASKED TO URGE A SPEED-UP IN THE
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS RECOMMENDED IN THE FARAH REPORT
TO THE UN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: RADIO NEWS CONVERGENCE OF THESE
INCIDENTS BEGAN ON JANUARY 6, THE SAME DAY THE FOREIGN OFFICE
NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN MASERU.
THERE HAD NOT EVEN BEEN RUMORS OF THESE INCIDENTS, MAKING THE

ANNOUNCEMENT A COMPLETE SURPRISE. IT APPEARS THAT GOL IS
DISSATISFIED WITH SPEED OF AID PROJECTS IN SOUTH-EASTERN AREA AND
IS MAKING ANOTHER STRONG PITCH TO EMPHASIZE THE SERIOUS SECURITY
PROBLEMS OF THE AREA. EVEN THOUGH THE AID PROJECTS WILL NOT
GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE BORDER, GOL APPARENTLY BELIEVES
THAT THE SECURITY PROBLEMS WILL SPUR AID DONORS ON TO QUICKER
ACTIONS. END COMMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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